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Assault With A Deadly Weapon On Police Officer

Riverside, CA – On August 21, 2012, at 2:41 PM, Officers of the Riverside Police Vice Unit were conducting an undercover prostitution sting in the area of University and Iowa. They contacted a female who was subsequently arrested for soliciting for prostitution. Prior to the arrest other undercover officers observed a male who had dropped the female off and driven across the street to a gas station. Believing the male driver to also be involved in the crime they called for uniformed officers to contact the suspect.

Officers from the Riverside Police Department and University of California Riverside Police Department responded to the location and attempted to contact the male who had exited his vehicle. Upon seeing the marked units and uniformed officers, the male fled on foot back to his vehicle. Uniformed officers attempted to stop the male from entering his vehicle. The suspect was able to enter his vehicle and start it. The suspect then began to flee and his vehicle struck a uniformed officer, a gas pump and another vehicle.

A short vehicle pursuit ensued with the suspect abandoning his vehicle and fleeing on foot in the area of Chicago and Navajo in the City of Riverside. A perimeter was set and a yard-to-yard search conducted. After a thorough search and numerous calls from residents in the area, the suspect was located in the area of 5200 Pear Blossom Ct. He was taken into custody with the assistance of a Police K-9.

Officers at the scene received minor injuries and were treated there. The suspect was transported to RCH where he was treated, released and booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center.

Anyone who can provide additional information on this crime is asked to call Detective James Barrette at 951-353-7954.

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